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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.
HONGKONG.
FOG SIGNAL—GAP ROCK.

On and after the 1st JANUARY, 1896, a TWELVE POUND GUN will be fired every ten minutes at Gap Rock in lieu of the Fog Signal now in use.
W. C. H. HASTINGS,
Acting Harbour Master, &c.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1895. [2225]

NOTICE is hereby given that TSOI TING CHEE, of No. 12, PRATA CENTRAL, Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant, has this day applied to His Excellency the Governor under the provisions of Ordinances Nos. 16 of 1873, 8 of 1886, and 20 of 1885 for leave to register certain Trade Mark in the Register of Trade Marks in the Office of the Colonial Secretary in the joint names of the said TSOI TING CHEE and of WONG WAI YIN and FUNG YU SHAN.
The said Trade Mark will be used upon match boxes and covers and covers containing match boxes.
Dated the 24th day of October, 1895.
VICTOR H. DEACON,
Solicitor for the said TSOI TING CHEE.
TSOI TING CHEE.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAMPUB.
The Company's Steamship
"HAILONG,"
Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 29th instant, at DAYLIGHT.
For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 28th October, 1895. [2227]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SHANGHAI (Direct).
(Taking Cargo Passengers and through rates for Cebu, Tientsin, Newchwang, Hankow, and Peking on the "YANGTZE").
The Company's Steamship
"CHOYBANG,"
Captain Tamplin, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 29th instant, at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 28th October, 1895. [2228]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SINGAPORE, SAMARANG, AND SOERABAYA.
The Company's Steamship
"TIGRIS,"
Captain J. Kynoch, will be despatched as above on or about FRIDAY, the 1st November.
For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 28th October, 1895. [2224]

TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO, EX-O.S.S. CO. S.S.
FROM MANCHESTER AND LIVERPOOL.
SHIPPING Orders must be obtained from the Underwriter not later than the 29th inst. for shipment per steamer "TIGRIS," BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 28th October, 1895. [2126]

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
GENERAL AVERAGE S.S. "HELIGOLAND."
A PORTION of this vessel's Cargo having arrived, or "GABRIEL," it has been landed into the Company's Godowns at Wharf and Consignees are hereby notified to take immediate delivery.
A GENERAL AVERAGE BOND must be signed and a deposit of Fifty per cent (50%) made on the ARRIVED VALUE of the cargo previous to countermanding of Bills of Lading.
The Average Bond is lying at the Company's Office for signature.
J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 28th October, 1895. [2223]

THE "JAPAN" LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
STEAMSHIP "REPTON."
FROM MIDDLESBROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, unless they will be delivered to the Godowns, where they will be delivered on the 1st November, at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countermanded by MELCHER & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 28th October, 1895. [2223]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.
UNTIL further notice, the LONG RANGE CUP COMPETITION will close, the SHORT RANGE CUP at 500, and 600 yards taking place every SATURDAY. Conditions as usual.
A SPOON will be given to every competitor who makes an average of over 53 in any five Competitions with M.H. Rifle or our 38 with L.M. Rifle. Civilian members are notified that Magazine Rifles are placed at their disposal for practice, and they can be obtained at the Markers' Mat Shop near the 900 yards firing point. It is requested that the Rifles may be handed over at the 1st Shot on the conclusion of the competition. Ammunition is obtained at \$2.50 per 100 rounds from the Secretary.
A. S. PALMER, Captain, Secretary.
Hongkong, 28th October, 1895. [2223]

AUCTIONS.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held at the Public Auction Room, at 2 P.M., on the 29th day of OCTOBER, 1895, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 19th October, 1895. [2204]

Particulars and Conditions of the Lotting by Public Auction Sale, to be held THIS DAY (MONDAY), the 29th day of OCTOBER, 1895, at 3 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a Term of 999 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Estate	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Containing in Acres	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	Inland No. 1885	Boundary Measurements: 100 ft. by 100 ft. by 100 ft. by 100 ft.	1.00	\$200.00	\$200.00

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Underwriter has received Instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), the 29th day of OCTOBER, 1895, at 2 P.M., at "Hazelton," Upper Richmond Road, the Residence of JOHN McCALLUM, Esq., the WHOLE of his VALUABLE ESTATE, BEING OLD FURNITURE, MANUFACTURE, &c.

SILK TAPESTRIES, COVERED DRAWING-ROOM, SUITE, OVERMANTLES, FANCY and MARBLE-TOP TABLES, ENGRAVINGS, PAINTINGS, ORNAMENTS, RELIQUARIES, BRASS MOUNTED FENDERS, &c.

BRUSSELS and OTHER CARPETS, RUGS, CURTAINS, &c.

One Very BEAUTIFUL SEMI-GRAND PIANO, of the NEWEST Style, almost new, with EXTENSION DINING TABLE, MOROCCO COVERED DINING and EASY CHAIRS, BEDROOM and SEVERAL DINING WAGGONS, and PLATE GLASS BACKS, WRITING DESK, BOOKCASE, CARD TABLE, DINNER and DESSETT SERVICES, GLASS and ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, CUTLERY, PAINTING, &c.

SINGLE and DOUBLE IRON and BRASS MOUNTED BEDSTEPS with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTAND and DRESSING TABLE, MARBLE-TOP BUREAU with BEVELLED GLASS, SINGLE and DOUBLE WARDROBES with PLATE GLASS DOORS, BEDROOM and BATHROOM FURNITURE, &c.

IRON COOKING RANGE, &c.

HALL FURNITURE.

A LARGE QUANTITY of FEELS, PLANTS, &c.

EMERALD MADE TENNIS GEAR, WIRE NETTING and POSTS.

LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S EVENING CHAIRS.

TERMS of SALE.—As Customary. Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale. On View from Sunday, the 27th October, 1895. Geo. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 28th October, 1895. [2193]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held at the Public Auction Room, at 2 P.M., on the 29th day of OCTOBER, 1895, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

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Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 19th October, 1895. [2211]

Particulars and Conditions of the Lotting by Public Auction Sale, to be held TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), the 29th day of OCTOBER, 1895, at 3 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Two Lots of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a Term of 25 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

No. of Lot	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Containing in Acres	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	Inland No. 1885	Boundary Measurements: 100 ft. by 100 ft. by 100 ft. by 100 ft.	1.00	\$200.00	\$200.00

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Underwriter has received Instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on SATURDAY, the 2nd day of NOVEMBER, 1895, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at the SALE ROOMS, DUNDRELL STREET, A FINE PRIVATE COLLECTION OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

MANY VALUABLE SPECIMENS. Catalogues will be issued previous to Sale. On View from Tuesday, the 29th October. Terms of Sale.—As Customary. Geo. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 28th October, 1895. [2220]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underwriter has received Instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on THURSDAY, the 1st day of NOVEMBER, 1895, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at the SALE ROOMS, QUEEN'S ROAD, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c. (See Sunday Accounts).

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One COOKING STOVE.

TERMS of SALE.—As Customary. J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.
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FOREIGN AND COLONIAL STAMP DEALER.
A. CAINE ROAD, HONGKONG.
Will be glad to send STAMPS on approval, subject to return of satisfactory reference.
Is also prepared to purchase used POSTAGE STAMPS in Large or Small Quantities for Cash.
AGENTS WANTED.
Liberal Discount Allowed. [1174, 28]

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Awarded Gold Medals.
"Las Dos Riosas," \$7.50 per dozen quarts.
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Sole Importers for Hongkong and China, VILLALBA LOPEZ & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 28th October, 1895. [21000]

JUST LANDED.
A LARGE and Varied Stock of CHOCOLATE and BLACKWELL'S FARM STORES and PROVISIONS, as—
PORTER, MEATS, LUCOA OIL, JAMS, WINE, VINEGAR, MUSTARD, PEAS, FRUIT, PHILIPPE & CANARD'S BEST SARDINES, H. RUTTONJEE, Auctioneer.
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INSURE.

EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF U.S.A. gives the BEST SECURITY.
Lives there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself has said,
"I must protect my loving wife,
And so I must secure my life."
I would not be a soulless bore,
Who dies and leaves his family poor.
I'll pay a premium every year,
And then my loved ones need not fear.
But what, when I am in my grave,
They'll have far more than I can save.
Or if when old I living be,
The money will provide for me,
And so I must secure my life,
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Write, please, or call on us or me.
SHEWAN & CO.,
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28, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
BELL'S ASBESTOS CLOTH FOR FILTERS.
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For Covering BOILERS, STEAM, HOT WATER, and PLUMBING, and all Surfaces from which it is necessary to prevent radiation of heat.
This Composition is—
UNEQUALLED as an Economiser of Fuel, frequently effecting a Saving of 30 to 40 per cent.
UNEQUALLED for Durability, being composed of Indestructible Materials, its non-conducting properties do not deteriorate.
UNEQUALLED in Point of Covering Capacity.
UNEQUALLED in Ease of Application.
An Ice-chest lined with ABOVE COMPOSITION WILL KEEP ICE THREE TIMES as long as when lined with Charcoal.
ESTIMATES given for Work finished Complete.
Sole Agents in the East for—
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THE NEW WIRE ROPE ROOFING CO.,
THE ALUMINUM AND GENERAL FOUNDRY CO.,
W. JACKSON, Manager.

GREAT SUCCESS!
HONGKONG BUTCHERY.
Extension of Premises will shortly be effected to meet the ever-increasing demand.
CLOSED ON SUNDAYS from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. ONLY.
J. TATAM,
Proprietor.
Hongkong, 10th October, 1895. [22020]

JUST LANDED.
CHAMPAGNE EUGENE CLICQUOT.
Per Case 2 doz. Pils 328.00.
Sole Agents for CHINA and JAPAN.
E. RICCO & CO.,
Hongkong, 12th September, 1895. [10003]

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Have been Shippers to China for nearly 75 years. Their Brands are favorably known all over the World.
This ancient House consign to us their well-known very old and
AT QUALITY COGNAC.
Distinguished by 4 Stars on the label. Price \$20.00 per 1 dozen bottles.
SUPERIOR OLD COGNAC.
Distinguished by 3 Stars on the label. Price \$19.00 per 1 dozen bottles.
VERY GOOD COGNAC.
Somewhat younger than the above. Distinguished by 2 Stars on the label. Price \$15.00 per 1 dozen bottles.
"PALL MALL" WHISKY.
Eleven years old, very fine quality. Each bottle bears an analyst's certificate. The quality is guaranteed.
Price \$13.00 per 1 dozen bottles.

Well-blended HIGHLAND MALT WHISKY.
Blanded by CUTLER, PALMER & CO. Moderate in price, excellent in quality.
Price \$15.00 per 1 dozen bottles.

BRODIE & CO.'S FINE SCOTCH WHISKY.
in "Squid" Bottles.
Price \$10.75 per 1 dozen bottles.

C. P. & CO.'S OWN SPECIAL BLEND SCOTCH WHISKY.
in Painted Bottles.
Price \$9.50 per 1 dozen bottles.

GLENIFFER BLEND, SCOTCH WHISKY.
Moderately priced, good quality.
Price \$9.75 per 1 dozen bottles.

INVALIDS' PORT.
This Wine is old, soft, and delicate. We strongly recommend it. Analyzed and Certified by Professor Cassal. Price \$14.00 per 1 dozen bottles.

DOUGLAS PORT.
This is a fine quality Wine of exceptionally good value.
Price \$13.00 per 1 dozen bottles.

SHERRIES.
AMOROSO.
The Best Mince shipping.
Price \$18.00 per 1 dozen bottles.
LA TORRE.
Price \$15.00 per 1 dozen bottles.
Pure and natural. Wines of high WHITE SEAL SHERRY—Popular at the Club.
Dry, delicate, and of fine flavor.
Price \$19.00 per 1 dozen bottles.

CLARETS.
in Quarts and Pints.
CHATEAU MOUTON.
For a good after-dinner Wine we recommend this.
Price \$28.75 per 1 dozen bottles.
LA ROSE.
This is a very attractive Claret, of good bouquet.
Price \$17.00 per 1 dozen bottles.
MARGAUX-MEDOC.
A breakfast Claret.
Price \$9.25 per 1 dozen bottles.

LIQUEUR.
BENEDICTINE D.O.M.
Price \$5.00 per 1 dozen bottles.

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CLAY'S FERTILIZER.

A high-class Fertilizer for Pot. Plants and for use in the Garden generally.

It supplies natural nourishment to the soil, and assists the process of assimilation, thereby aiding the Plants to attain to their full size, rigour, and beauty.

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(2320)

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 28th, 1895.

REPORTS have for some little time past been in circulation to the effect that Russia has made arrangements with China that her fleet shall winter at Port Arthur. This news has been cabled to London by the Times correspondent, with the addition that "Russia has secured various other advantages outside the favoured nation clause," and the telegram would appear to have thrown the London press into a state of some excitement. The situation in the Far East is undoubtedly a critical one and requires to be closely watched by the British Government. The Times telegram, however, in the version given of it by Reuters, seems somewhat meaningless and does not justify any special alarm. It is not in the power of China to confer any privileges outside the favoured nation clause and whatever advantages may have been secured by Russia would inure necessarily to the profit of other nations. To say that advantages have been secured outside the favoured nation clause is very much like a contradiction in terms, for the meaning of that clause is that any nation coming under it enjoys every advantage that may be accorded to another. Territorial concessions, however, are necessarily outside the favoured nation clause. If for instance, Hongkong secured the enlargement of its boundaries for which it is agitating it would not be open to other nations to come in and claim the same territory, for that, as Euclid says, would be absurd. If Russia has secured any territorial concession in the North, it might therefore be referred to as a matter outside the favoured nation clause, but that would be a curious phrase to use as indicating territorial concessions. There is another class of questions that may also be said to be more or less outside the favoured nation clause, namely, those referring to the frontier trade. There are special regulations governing the land trade between China and Russia, between China and Burma, and between China and Siam, each set being adapted to the special local circumstances. Either England or France might object to the other's frontier trade being specially favoured, but the extent to which they could rely on the favoured nation clause is limited, because the circumstances vary, and the particular routes affected are accessible only to the particular nation controlling them. Along the seaboard, however, it is different, and China cannot open a port to one nation without at the same time opening it to all who come in under the favoured nation clause. If Russia has secured the right for her fleet to lie at Port Arthur, that port still remaining Chinese, it would be open to the British fleet, if the Admiral thought fit to so direct,

to go and to alongside the Russian ships, China could not object; and if Russia chose to do so the matter would be for decision by the guns of the respective fleets.

Should it be a case of the permanent cession or temporary occupation of territory the case would assume a different complexion, and would have to be dealt with on other principles. England might be willing to acquiesce in the cession, as she has acquiesced in the cession of Formosa to Japan, or she might object, as Russia, France, and Germany have objected to Japan's occupation of the Liaotung Peninsula. At present it does not appear that there is any question of permanent cession. One of the terms of the retrocession of the Liaotung Peninsula, by Japan is said to be that neither Russia, France, nor Germany shall permanently occupy the territory and that the Chinese Government shall not cede it to any other nation. The use of the word "permanently" in the agreement suggests that a temporary occupation may be in contemplation and have been secretly provided for. In that case England would have to act as her interests might seem to require. Temporary occupation by one power, however, would not confer the right to exclude the trade of other powers, and as the peninsula would be much better governed under Russian than under Chinese rule, the prospects of trade being proportionately improved, England might possibly not think the matter one about which it would be advisable to go to war, even though the temporary occupation should be extended indefinitely. Russia's object in occupying the peninsula, assuming that she does so, would be not only to secure a winter anchorage for her fleet, but also to enable her to connect her railway system with Port Arthur. That is a project which it would be decidedly bad policy for England to attempt to oppose. It is certain that Russia will never rest until she obtains access to a port open all the year round and for England to attempt to prevent her doing so would be a stupendous undertaking, of doubtful success, and with nothing tangible to be gained by it. Moreover, the railway would contribute greatly to the commercial development of Northern China, in the neighbourhood of which English merchants would share. And if Russia were allowed to make a railway through Chinese territory it would be a precedent on which England might urge her claims to carry the proposed Burma railway into the heart of Yunnan, should that be deemed advisable, or to make railways in other directions, say from Kowloon to Canton or from Peking to Nanning. That is an argument which perhaps should not carry much weight, for England can urge her own claims without precedents if necessary, but on general grounds it would be unadvisable that she should in any way attempt to impede the opening up and development of Northern China because it happens to be Russia that is carrying out the work and that will most immediately profit by it. The Trans-Siberian Railway is not a work that England is interested in thwarting; on the contrary the line will prove a great civilizing agent and will make for peace rather than war. At the same time the fact cannot be lost sight of that at the present moment Russia, France, and Germany are striving to diminish British influence in the Far East, and to secure for themselves exclusive advantages; but with a rigid insistence on the observance of the favoured nation clause in spirit and letter Great Britain will be able to hold her own both commercially and politically.

The two Chinese gunboats Nos. 221 and 222 left yesterday for Foochow.

A new floating air engine is to be constructed for the Hongkong Government Fire Brigade.

Covered service reservoirs are to be constructed at the junction of Bowan and Garden Roads and at Wanchoi.

The appointment of Mr. A. G. Wisse to be Police Judge, unofficially announced some time ago, is now gazetted.

The M. M. steamer Yarra, with the next French mail, left Saigon on the 26th inst. at 4 a.m. for this port.

Mr. T. Sorombe Smith has been appointed to discharge the duties of coroner in conjunction with his Magisterial duties.

The N. Y. K. steamer Hironaka Maru, from Bombay, left Singapore on the 25th inst. and is due here on or about the 1st November.

The P. M. steamer China, with mails, etc., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, and Nagasaki, on the 22nd inst.

It is notified that on and after the 1st January next a twelve pounder gun will be fired every ten minutes at Gap Rock in lieu of the fog signal now in use.

Mr. Borneo, the British Vice-Consul at Canton, has been appointed to Shanghai. We hear that before taking up his new appointment he will go home on leave.

The China Mutual Loan steamer Mayday, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore for this port on the 26th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 31st inst.

The appointment of Mr. F. A. Hazen to be Acting Registrar of the Supreme Court, Acting Official Trustee, Acting Registrar of Companies, and Acting Liquidator of Companies, is now gazetted.

It is notified in the Gazette that H. E. the Governor has been pleased to recognize Mr. W. P. Musso as in charge of the Italian Consulate during the temporary absence from the colony of Mr. D. Musso.

This afternoon the Hongkong Football Club will have an Inter-Club match on the Happy Valley. Both teams in white. Kick-off at 4 p.m.

The opposing teams will be—

W. Maclellan G. Stewart

E. W. Maclellan S. Dawson

P. G. Davies, R.A. G. Grubb

H. W. Wade W. H. How

J. W. L. Oliver W. M. Humphreys

T. P. Kew A. B. Barlow

H. H. Holmes J. G. Gillingham

F. B. Shadon E. W. Townsend

C. O. Cameron E. P. Dawson

E. E. Descon G. D. Campbell, H.K.M.

F. Lamont C. M. Pith

At the Magistrate's on Saturday a charge of stealing \$2,000 worth of goods was preferred against Louie To, a servant. Mr. Hastings appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Deaneys for the defence. The case was adjourned to the 29th inst. for further evidence.

The 24th inst. was a day of some interest, and on returning to the city a woman servant admitted giving the key of the box to the prisoner, who was arrested on Friday by Inspector Quinlan. All the parcels were returned to the owner. The prisoner was remanded until Thursday.

The annual sale of work in aid of the Chinese Relief Fund took place at the City Hall on Saturday last. The proceeds of the sale were \$1,500. The sale was a success, and the proceeds were all for the relief of the Chinese.

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